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SUBJ: AMHERST COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

1. MIN HIGHER EDUCATION WILLING PROVIDE QUARTERS FOR GROUP UPON RECEIPT MIN CULTURE OFFICIAL REQUEST. LATTER WILL MAKE REQUEST TOMORROW UPON RECEIPT OF EMBASSY'S DIPLOMATIC NOTE FORWARDED THROUGH FONMIN. THUS, BELIEVE WE HAVE SOLVED LODGING PROBLEM. MUST POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THESE FACILITIES EXTREMELY SPARTAN. MOREOVER, GROUP MUST STILL MANAGE OWN MEALS.

2. GROUP WILL PERFORM 2100 THURSDAY, JULY 10, AT AZEM PALACE. THIS OUTDOOR FACILITY IS COURTYARD OF FORMER OTTOMAN EMPIRE GOVERNORS. SPLENDID SETTING FOR GROUP.

3. AMBASSADOR WISHES HOST RECEPTION WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 1900-2100 HIS RESIDENCE.

4. UNDERSTAND GROUP PLANNING ARRIVE SYRIAN FRONTIER ABOUT
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1130, WEDNESDAY VIA BUS. WILL BUSSES REMAIN WITH GROUP TO DAMASCUS?

WHAT WOULD BE POSSIBILITY HAVING BUS OR BUSES REMAIN WITH GROUP FOR THE TWO-DAY STAY? IF THIS FEASIBLE PLEASE ADVISE COSTS.

5. DUE RECENT TROUBLES BEIRUT WE UNDERSTAND LUFTHANSA SCHEDULING DIRECT FLIGHTS DAMASCUS-MUNICH. LUFTHANSAS 609 DEPARTS DAMASCUS 0600 JULY 11 FOR MUNICH. IS GROUP RESERVED ON THIS FLIGHT? REQUEST ADVISE NIACT IMMEDIATE SO EMBASSY CAN MAKE/CONFIRM RESERVATIONS AS REQUIRED. ADVISE EXACT NUMBER SEATS REQUIRED.

6. ANTICIPATE NO VISA PROBLEMS. WILL ARRANGE FOR VISAS AT SYRIAN BORDER.

7. RETURNING TO LODGING PROBLEM, IT IS POSSIBLE CLASS B ORIENT PALACE HOTEL COULD PROVIDE ENOUGH HOTEL ROOMS SHOULD GROUP (OR SOME MEMBERS THEREOF) PREFER. DOUBLE ROOM \$13.50 INCLUDING BREAKFAST. MUST KNOW OF INTEREST SOONEST, AS THERE CONTINUOUS PRESSURE FOR HOTEL SPACE.

8. SHOULD PHONE COMMUNICATIONS BE REESTABLISHED TONIGHT (INES DOWN TODAY) REQUEST THOMPSON PHONE KEITH AT HOME: 33 85 33.
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